

Winter Snow and Ice Control Plan 2014 - 2015

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to establish procedures for the City of Reno Public Works Department staff to efficiently conduct snow and ice control operations and as an information source for citizens of this community. This plan is designed to ensure that all work is completed in a well-planned, safe, efficient and environmentally sound manner with the available resources.

The goal of this planning effort is to ensure the City of Reno's residents will have safe and accessible priority streets throughout the snow and ice season. In addition, the Truckee Meadows is considered a non-attainment area for air quality. This annual plan is designed to comply with Washoe County Health Department air quality mandates.

The City of Reno Public Works Department staff strives to maintain safe winter driving conditions for the motoring public. Each winter storm has its own character with variable conditions such as wind, extreme temperatures, timing, duration of storm, rate of accumulation, and moisture content. This plan must remain flexible and take into consideration these variables.

Background

The City of Reno receives an average of 13 storms annually and average snow accumulations totaling 23.5 inches. The City's annual snow removal budget and size of its snow removal equipment fleet are based on average snowfall figures as well as the expected number of street miles to be plowed and sanded during any given winter storm event. The snow and ice control program is not designed or intended to remove all accumulations of snow and ice from all streets (arterial, collector, and residential) within the City.

The City of Reno street system is divided into 19 prioritized snow and ice control routes totaling approximately 2,244 lane miles. Priority is given to arterial and collector streets along with school zones, hospitals, emergency facilities, bus routes, dangerous intersections, hills and curves. Secondary streets are given a low priority and generally receive a lower level of service or no service due to the limited availability of resources.

During a winter storm event where periods of heavy snowfall persist, the City may utilize the assistance of private contractors through the Associated General Contractors Auxiliary (AGC) for snow accumulations greater than 8 inches based on current and forecasted conditions for the region.

Planning and Scheduling of Resources

During winter months from November through March of each year, the Street Maintenance and Operations Manager and Streets Crew Supervisors continuously monitor weather forecasts for approaching winter storms. Based on projected and current winter storm modeling and additional weather resource forecast information, staffing and equipment needs are determined and scheduled accordingly. Crews are scheduled to work alternating twelve-hour shifts during large winter storm events to provide 24/7 operational support for snow and ice control operations. During active winter storm snow and ice control operations, the Maintenance and Operations Division Manager and Street Maintenance and Operations Manager will monitor winter snow and ice removal activities, making operational adjustments and may request additional support as required to meet the needs of the City.

Major Storm Events

During major storm events, staff will be scheduled to work alternating twelve-hour shifts. Each crew will consist of a Crew Supervisor and the required number of employees for that shift. Shift one (1) will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Shift two (2) will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This rotation will continue until the required winter snow and ice control operations are completed.

When additional resources are required for snow accumulations of eight (8) inches or greater, the Street Maintenance and Operations Manager may request the assistance of private contractors through the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Auxiliary. Contractor resources will be directed to clear snow from priority one (1) streets and priority two (2) streets and other areas within the City that received greater amounts of accumulations (prior to clearing snow from residential streets) Streets will generally be cleared to one lane in and one lane out of each populated area.

Available Vehicles and Staff

For the fiscal year 2014-2015 Public Works Maintenance and Operations will have a total of eighteen (18) trucks mounted with plows and sanders, one (1) wheel loader mounted with a push plow. This includes seventeen (17) ten wheel dump trucks, five (5) of which are all wheel drive, along with the front-end loader which will be assigned to the higher elevations and outlying routes. One (1) bobtail dump truck with sander will be assigned to the lower elevation routes. Street maintenance section has a total staff of fifty (50) snow plow operators that will be divided into two (2) crews. Sewer maintenance staff will provide additional support as needed. Additionally, a Fleet Mechanic will be scheduled to support winter snow and ice control operations as required.

De-icing Material/Salt and Sand - Satellite Stations

The roadway abrasives currently being utilized to aid in traction and De-icing during the plowing stage of winter storm events is primarily a mixture of salt and sand (one part salt and five parts

sand). Maintenance and Operations currently utilizes a main storage area and three (3) satellite stations for the storage of de-icing materials. The main storage area is the City of Reno Corporation Yard located off of Commercial Row. Satellite station locations are, Northgate Golf Course, located off Avenida de Landa on Beaumont Parkway in northwest Reno, Moana Station, located on Moana Lane and Baker in southwest Reno and Stead Sewer Plant located off Military Road. Front-end loaders will be located at each of the satellite locations for the loading of de-icing materials.

Anti-Icing/ Salt Brine Application

Public Works Maintenance and Operations utilizes a Salt Brine anti-icing application process to assist in control of icing on targeted roads, priority one (1) streets, bridges and some inclines. Advantage is gained using salt brine as a prevention method by reducing operational cost of snow removal operations, reduction of salt, abrasives and retrieval of abrasives.

Applying salt brine is an effective pre-treatment of roadways before inclement weather arrives. Salt brine will adhere to the road surface and can be applied several days prior a predicted winter storm event. For anti-icing to be most effective the importance of timing for placement is essential. Applying salt brine to the roadway surface prior to a precipitation event will assist in keeping the snow and ice from bonding to the surface of the roadway, making it easier for removal and a more cost effective snow removal operation.

Salt in its granular form works by creating a brine solution by absorbing moisture from the snow before its effectiveness is realized. Salt brine reduces the reaction time because it's already in liquid form, and is more evenly distributed. Salt brine can also have some residual effect of providing ongoing anti-icing value by remaining on the pavement for several days.

Sanding and Plowing Procedures

Individual operators will apply de-icing materials in assigned routes as needed based on the current conditions in each respective route.

Operators are instructed to plow only when the accumulated snow depth reaches approximately four (4) or more inches. All plowing will be from the inside lane to the curbside/shoulder.

All streets will be plowed and/or sanded in the priority order as identified in each of the 19 routes contained within this plan. Operators will complete all streets in said priority order unless otherwise directed.

Upon completion of the priority one (1) streets, operators will plow the priority two (2) streets. When all priority two (2) streets are cleared with one lane in and one lane out, the operators will return and clear the remainder of the priority two (2) streets.

Snow and ice control operations will continue until the storm event has ended and all first and second priority streets have been plowed.

Post Storm Material Recovery Operation

Current Washoe County Health Department air quality regulations require the City to remove all residual salt/sand abrasives from its roadways within four (4) days after a storm event.

To comply with this mandate, Maintenance and Operations schedules street sweepers to remove all residual salt/sand abrasives as expeditiously and safely as weather and road conditions permit. This activity is considered to be part of the snow and ice control operations.

Post Storm Procedures

At the completion of the storm event, operators will wash, grease and perform regular maintenance on all snow and ice control equipment. Operators will immediately notify their Supervisor and coordinate with Fleet Management for repairs and maintenance issues.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

I PARTIES

The Parties to this mutual assistance plan are the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County (Parties).

II **DEFINITIONS**

Snow Emergency-means weather conditions which severely impede vehicular traffic in the Truckee Meadows and require the pooling of resources by the Parties in order to ensure the continuation of emergency and public safety agency operations on designated snow routes.

Snow Routes-include those streets depicted on Exhibit "A", which major routes carry heavy traffic volumes, provide primary access, or are otherwise essential for rapid movement, and response to the community by emergency vehicles.

Snow Emergency Commanders-implement, manage and supervise all snow removal activities as set forth herein. Snow Emergency Commanders (or their successors) are hereby designated as follows:

City of Reno Marnell Heinz – Streets Maintenance and Operations Manager

City of Sparks Danny Hamlin – Maintenance Services Manager

Washoe County Adam Searcy – Superintendent of Road Operation and Maintenance

III SNOW EMERGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Snow Emergency Commanders:

- Coordinate with counterparts to determine the status of the situation throughout the Truckee Meadows area.
- Activate and implement the plan, following a consensus determination that a snow emergency exists.
- Advise own organization's chain of command, including emergency management personnel.
- Decide when the snow emergency has abated, and cancel the plan, following a consensus determination.

City/County Management and Emergency Management Personnel:

- Monitor overall impacts of weather event and progress of emergency snow removal.
- Provide public information, news releases.
- Advise elected officials of emergency snow removal plan activation.
- If applicable, declare an emergency within their jurisdiction, including restrictions on snow emergency routes which may be invoked; advise State of formal declaration; activate emergency operations center (EOC's).

IV CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The Parties to this Interlocal agreement do hereby agree as follows:

1. Conditions for Implementation of Emergency Snow Removal Plan

A snow emergency will be declared under the following conditions:

 Whenever a majority of the Snow Emergency Commanders find, on the basis of falling snow, sleet or freezing rain, that weather conditions could severely impede vehicular traffic on designated snow routes (see Section II, Definitions), thus threatening the continuation of emergency and public agency operations.

2. Declaration Process

- a. Snow Emergency Commanders will recommend implementation of Emergency Snow Removal (ESR) plan to City/County Management, according to established emergency management procedures, based on a consensus agreement that a snow emergency exists.
- b. City/County Managers will contact each other regarding implementation and any fine tuning necessary to meet needs of event.
- c. City/County will handle announcement according to individual Emergency Plans.

3. Snow Emergency Routes/Procedures

Exhibit "A" depicts designated snow emergency routes under this plan and assigns responsibilities for snow clearing within the indicated areas. These snow emergency routes will be those first plowed and kept open by the entity to which responsibility has been assigned.

Upon completion of each area, meaning that the designated routes are open and passable by emergency vehicles, the responsible entity may reassign it resources to other areas of responsibility (either another area designated by Exhibit "A" or to streets maintained by the entity which are not so designated). Each entity will be responsible for keeping the routes assigned by Exhibit "A" open until the snow emergency is canceled.

The decision to hire private forces to assist with snow removal in any area of this plan will be make by, authorized by, and chargeable to the Party within whose jurisdiction the area is located.

4. Second Phase of Assistance

If an agency (or agencies) continue to have streets which are impassable to emergency vehicles while other agencies have completed snow removal operations, a second phase of assistance may be granted under this Agreement in accordance with the following:

Additional assistance for streets not shown on Exhibit "A" of this Agreement may be granted if all three snow commanders determine this action is needed due to extraordinary weather conditions to provide emergency vehicle access. Additional assistance may be requested only when an agency's (or agencies') resources are totally committed to emergency access snow removal operations and when additional resources are needed to improve emergency access. Agencies providing support shall have completed operations in accordance with their snow removal plan and will then make available additional resources to improve emergency access within the requesting agency.

5. Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The ESR Plan does not automatically call for operation an EOC. The Parties may operate out of one Emergency Operations Center if City/County Management agrees that such an arrangement would facilitate implementation of the ESR Plan. If the Parties decide to operate out of one EOC, each Party will have a representative at the Center at all times.

6. Signing of Snow Emergency Routes; Enforcement of Operations Restrictions

Signing of snow emergency routes and the enforcement of operations restrictions and/or controls, if any, is the responsibility of the jurisdiction in which each route is located. Each jurisdiction will immediately cause to be cleared, as practicable, any vehicle parked or disabled in a position obstructing a travel lane, or otherwise impeding the safe and expeditious clearing of snow on designated routes.

7. Termination-Emergency Snow Removal Operations

This plan shall remain in effect until canceled, by mutual agreement of the Snow Emergency Commanders, who shall subsequently notify City/Council Management that emergency snow removal operations are complete. City/Council Management will make corresponding public announcements according to their emergency plans, or other protocols.

8. Liability

Each Party shall be held harmless by other Parties, from all claims, liabilities and demands, other than those arising from willful negligence, which may arise from emergency snow removal operations performed within another Party's jurisdiction.

9. Post-Incident Report

Each Party shall keep track of costs associated with this ESR Plan's implementation, including personnel, fuel, equipment maintenance and contracting expenses, for inclusion in a Post-Incident Report.

10. Reimbursement

No Party shall be obligated to reimburse any other Party on account of any action taken or aid rendered under this Agreement, or for any use of material or damage to equipment incurred in the course of rendering emergency assistance as provided under this Agreement.

11. Annual Review

The Parties will review this Agreement annually to determine any needed changes or modifications to both the procedures outlined under this Agreement and to Exhibit "A", the map depicting designated snow routes.

12. Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective upon passage and approval by the Washoe Board of County Commissioners and the Reno and Sparks City Councils. Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement by giving a thirty (30) day notice in writing to the other Parties.

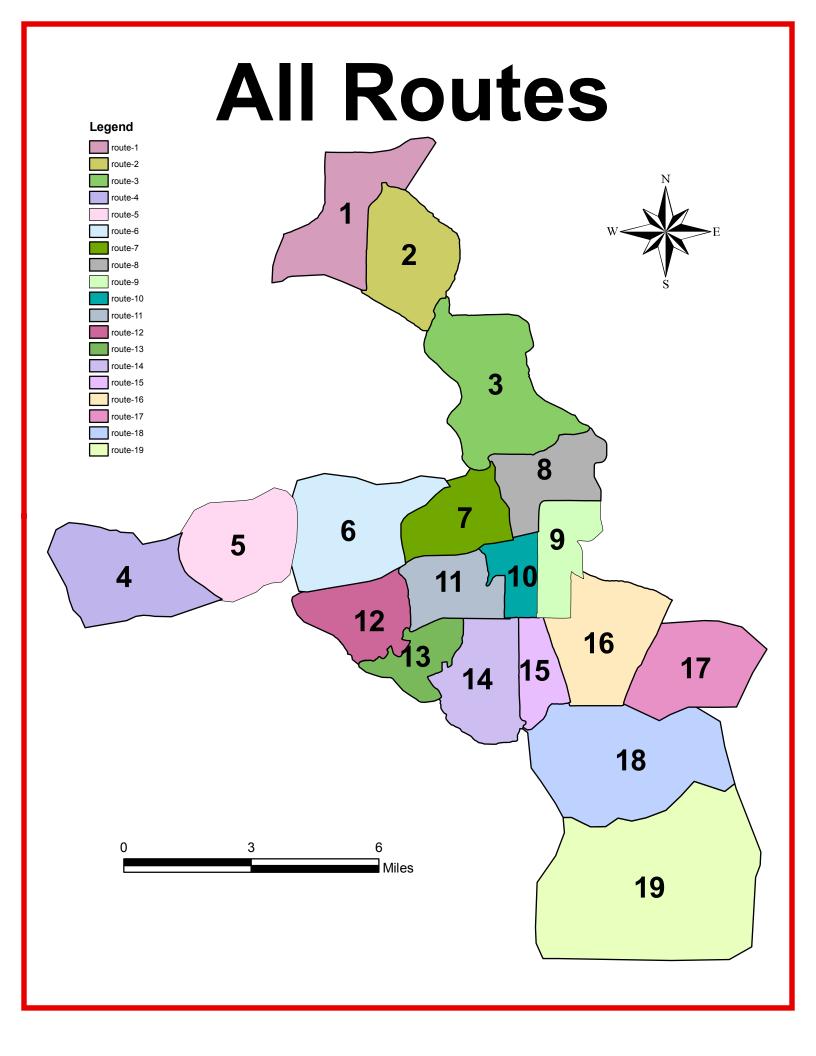
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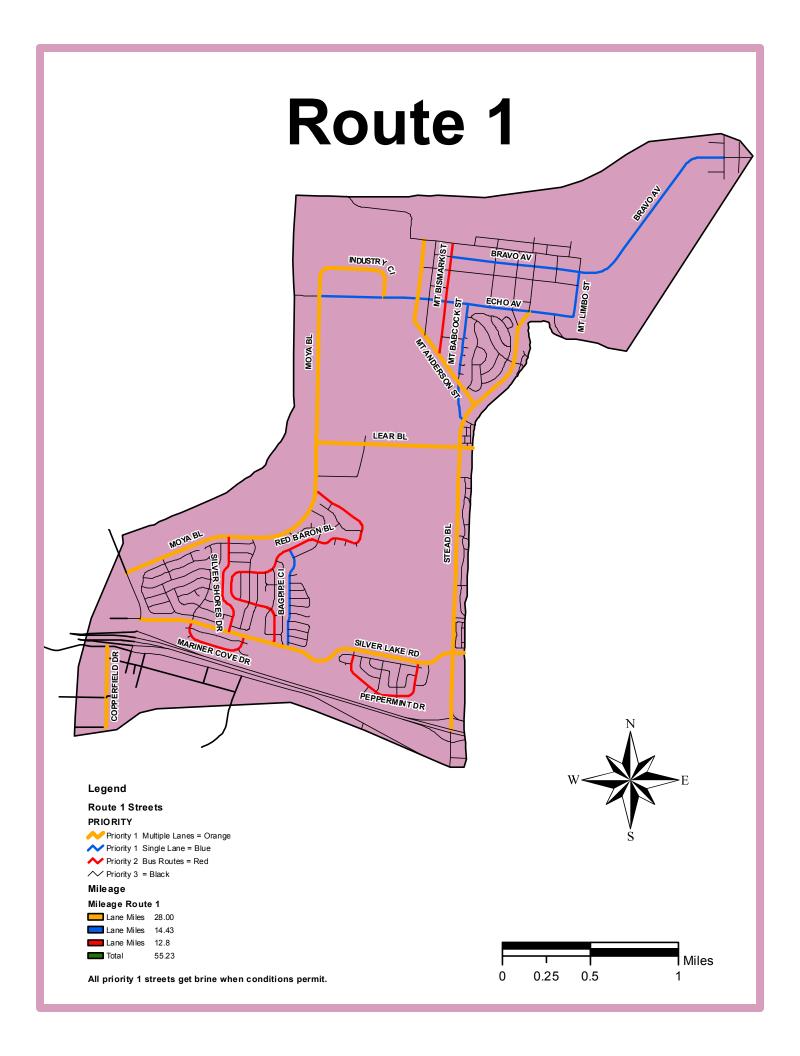
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By:	Date:	
Mayor, City of Reno		
Attest:	Date:	
Reno City Clerk		

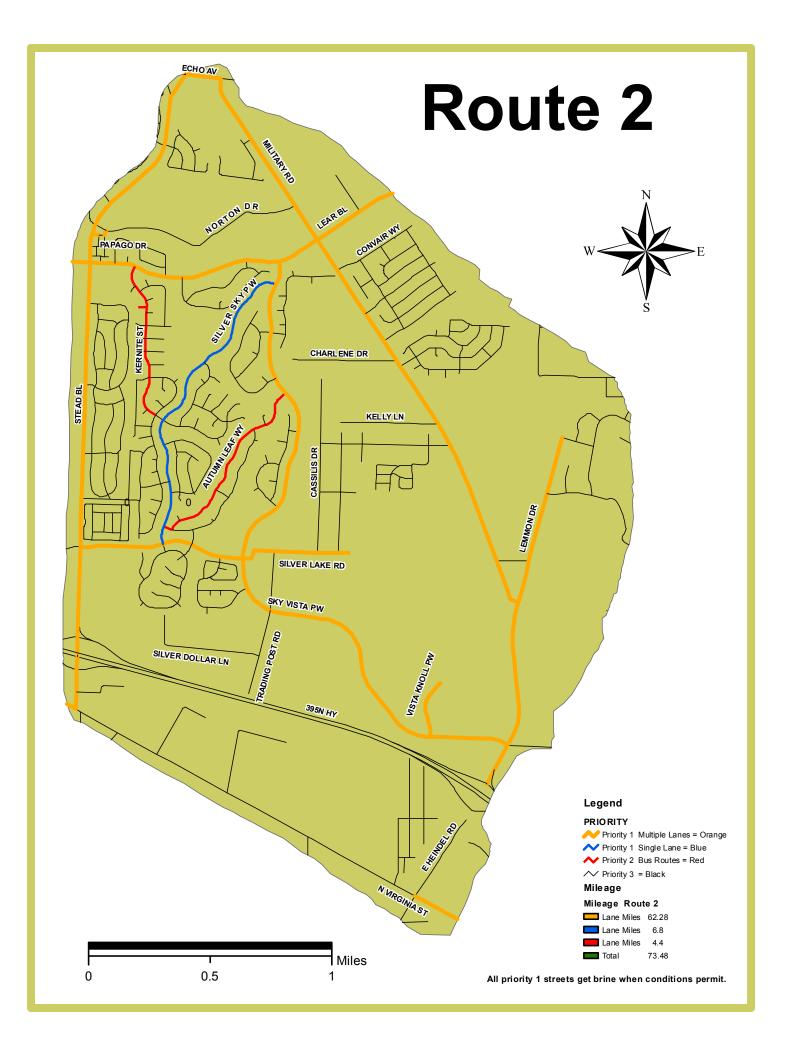
By:	_ Date:
Mayor, City of Sparks	
Attest:	Date:
Sparks City Clerk	
COUNTY OF WASHOE,	
By and through is Board of County C	Commissioners
By:	
Chairperson, Washoe County	
Board of Commissioners	
Attest:	Date:
Approved as to proper form and compursuant to NRS 277.140.	patibility with the laws of the State of Nevada
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE	STATE OF NEVADA
By:	Date:

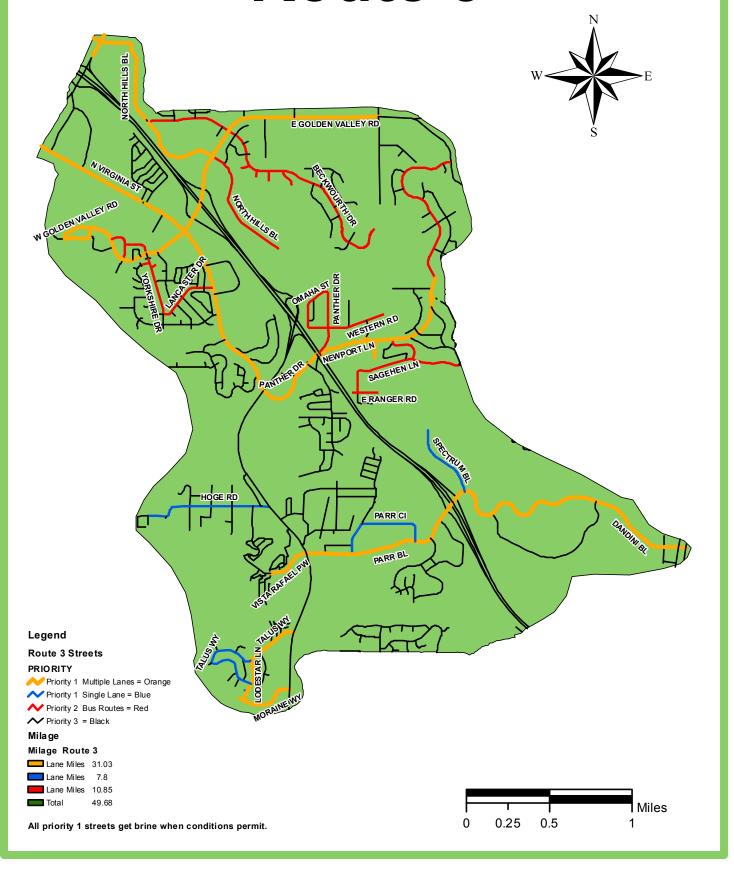
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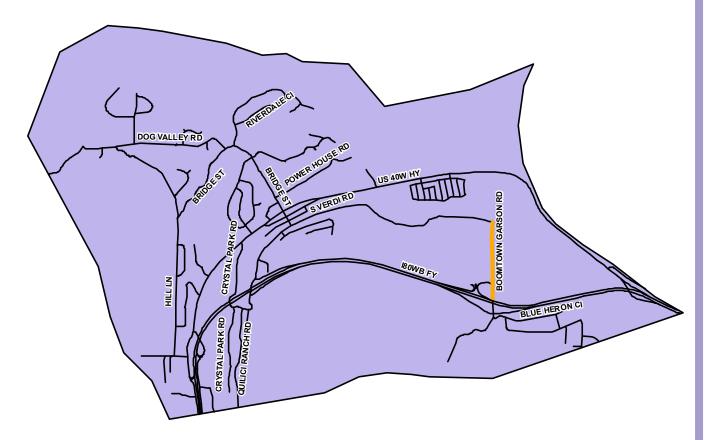












Legend

Route 4 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

✓ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

➤ Priority 3 = Black

Mileage

Mileage Route 4

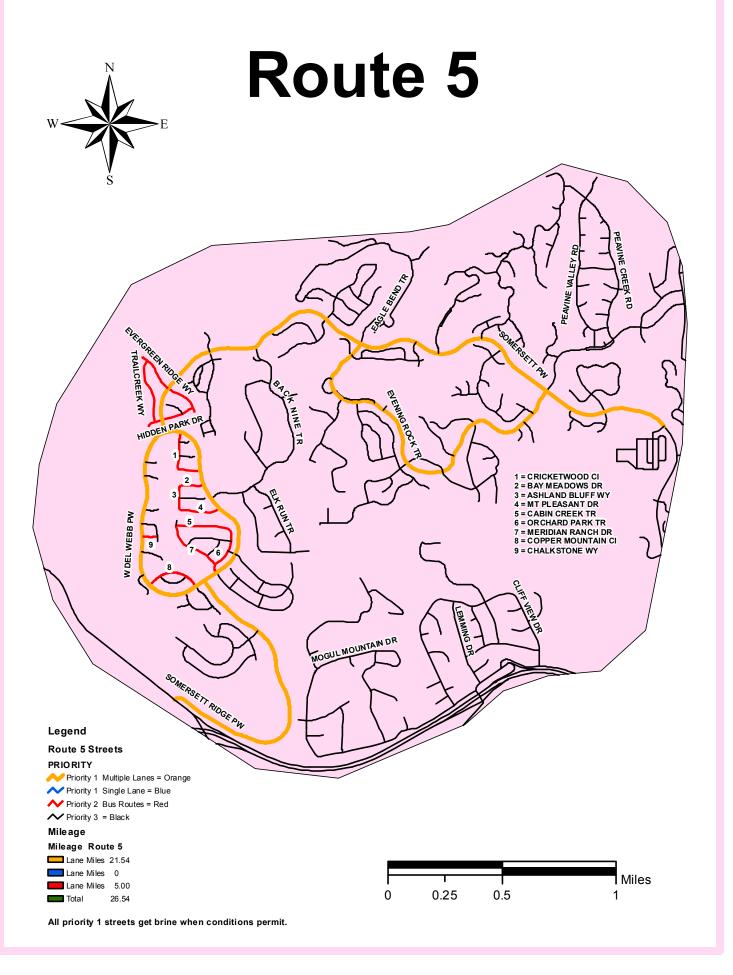
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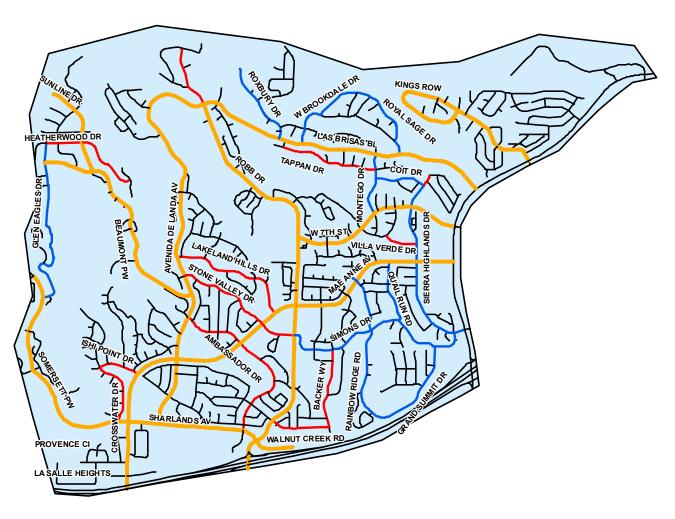
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Total 2.1









Legend

Route 6 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

✓ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

➤ Priority 3 = Black

Milage

Milage Route 6

Lane Miles 68.5
Lane Miles 22.5

Lane Miles 19.91
Total 110.91





Route 7 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

✓ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

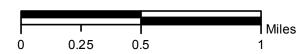
➤ Priority 3 = Black

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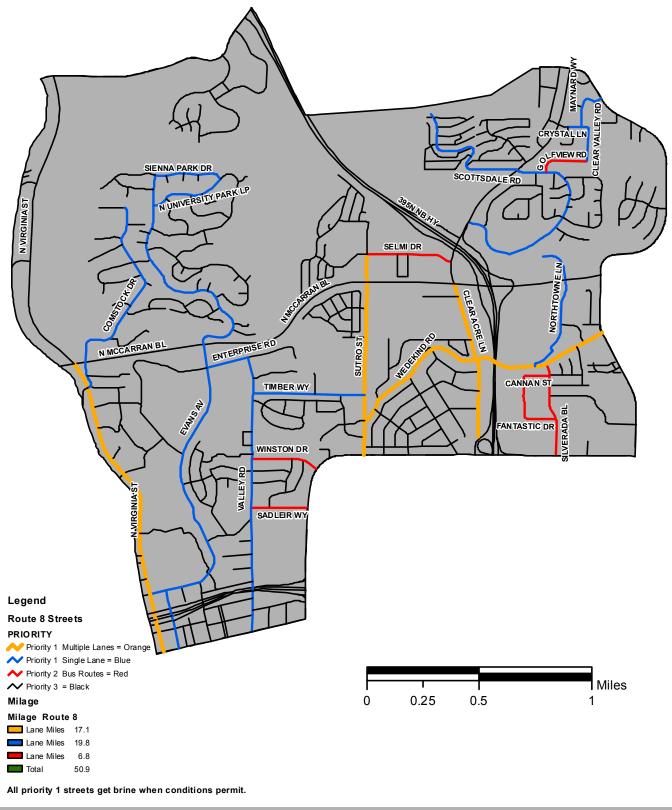
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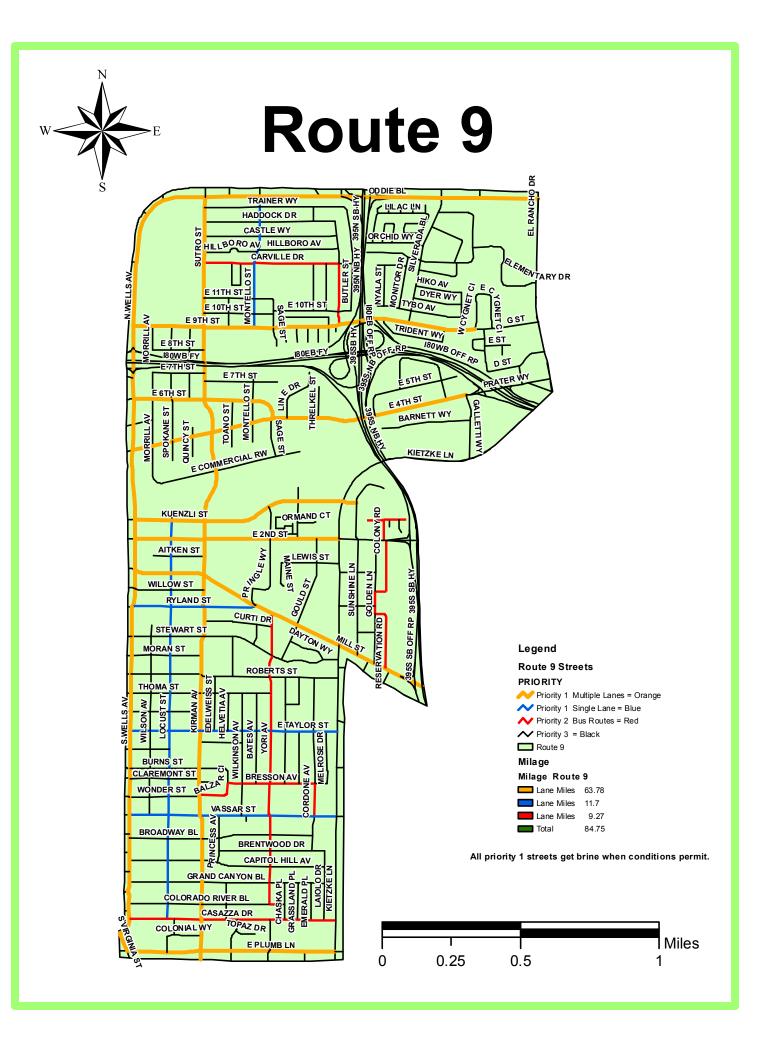
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Lane Miles 6.68

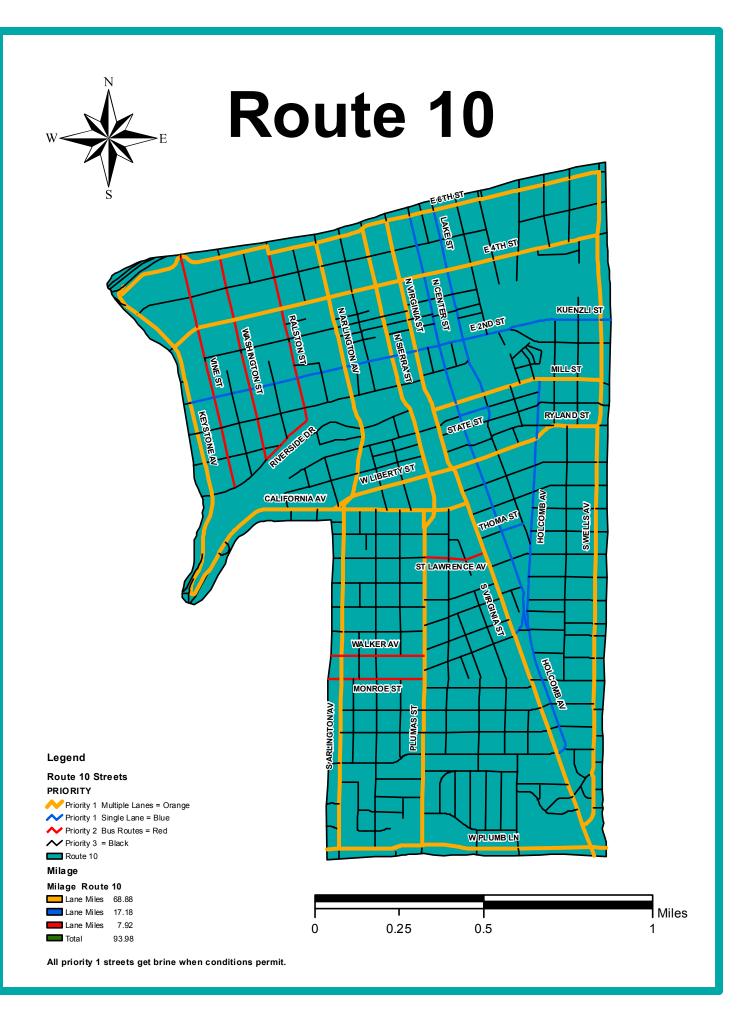
Lane Miles 13.07
Total 47.92



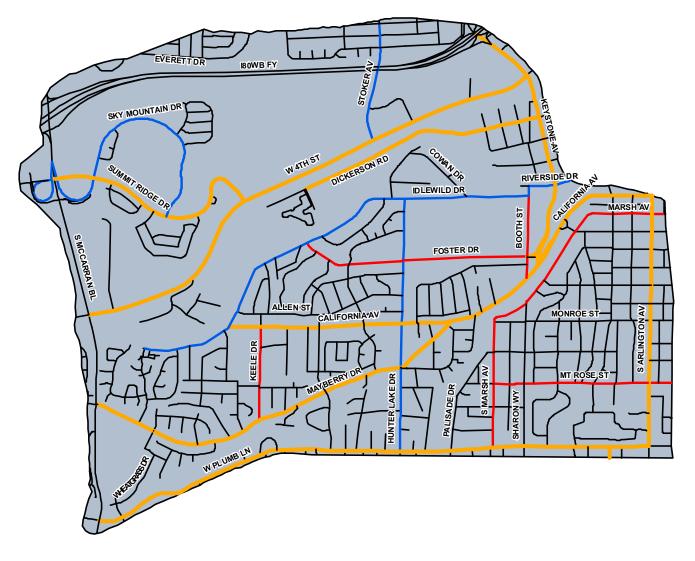












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Route 11 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

→ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

➤ Priority 3 = Black

Route 11

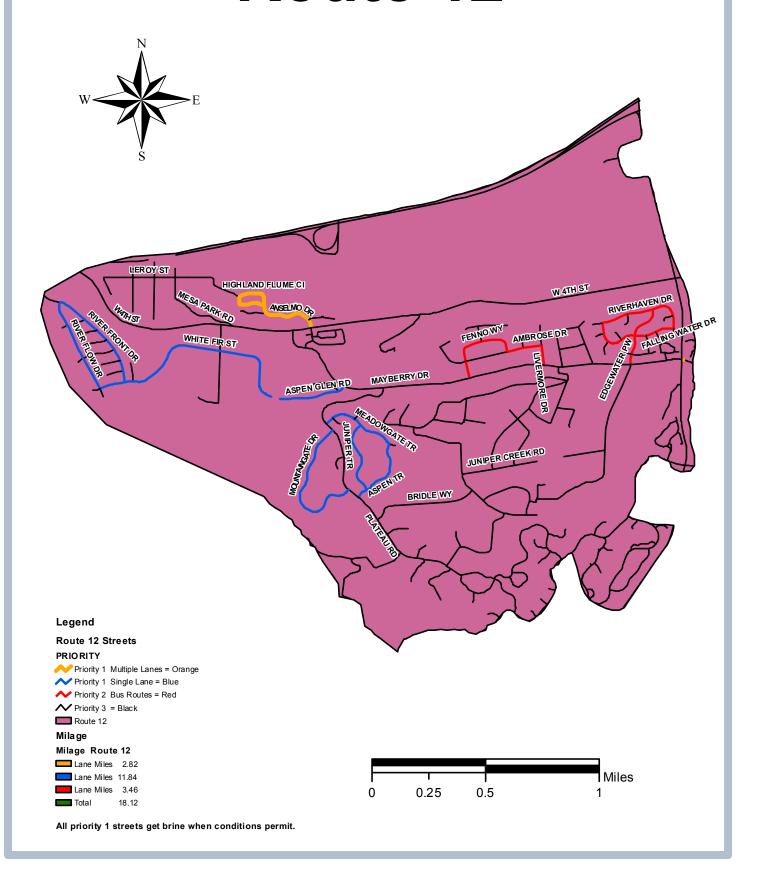
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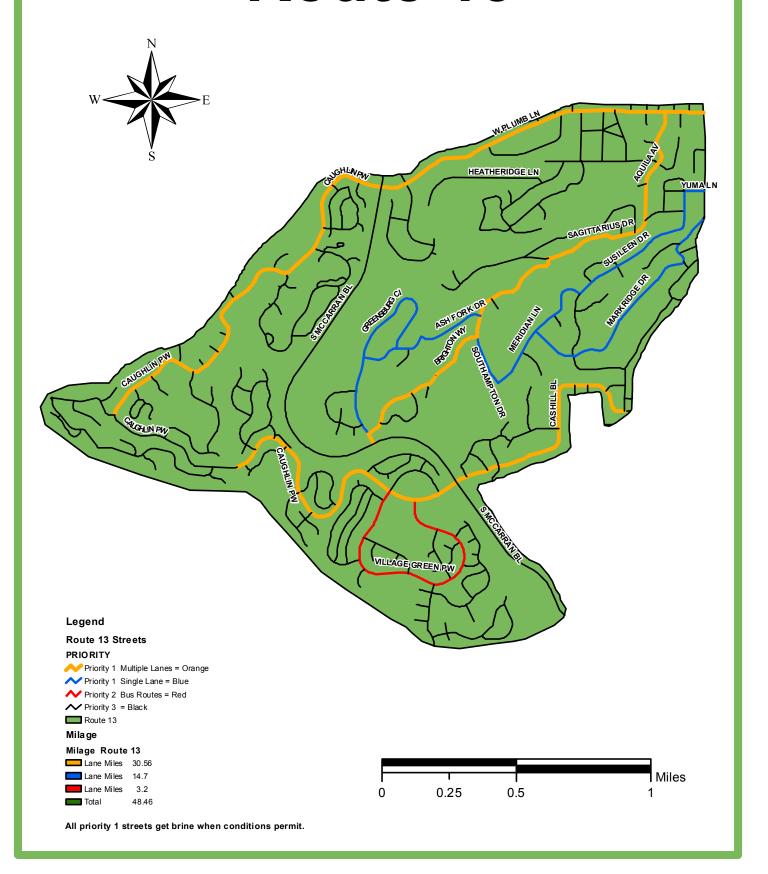
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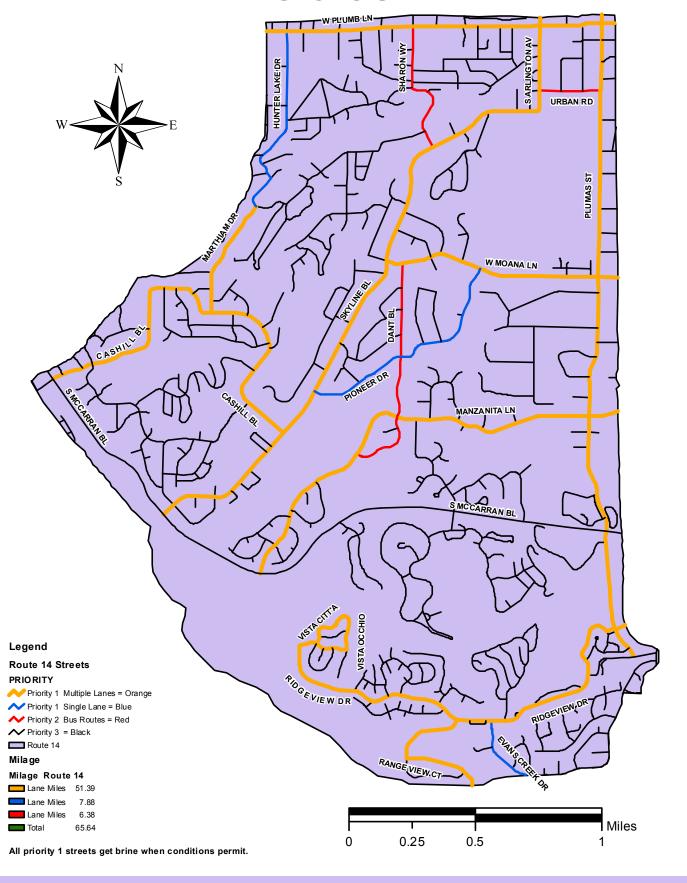
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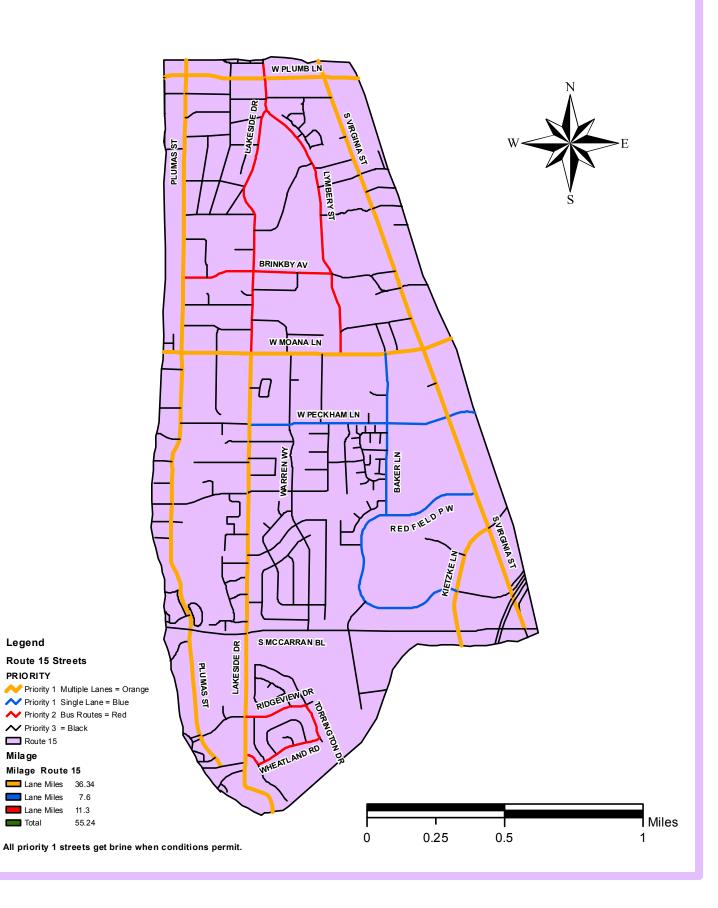
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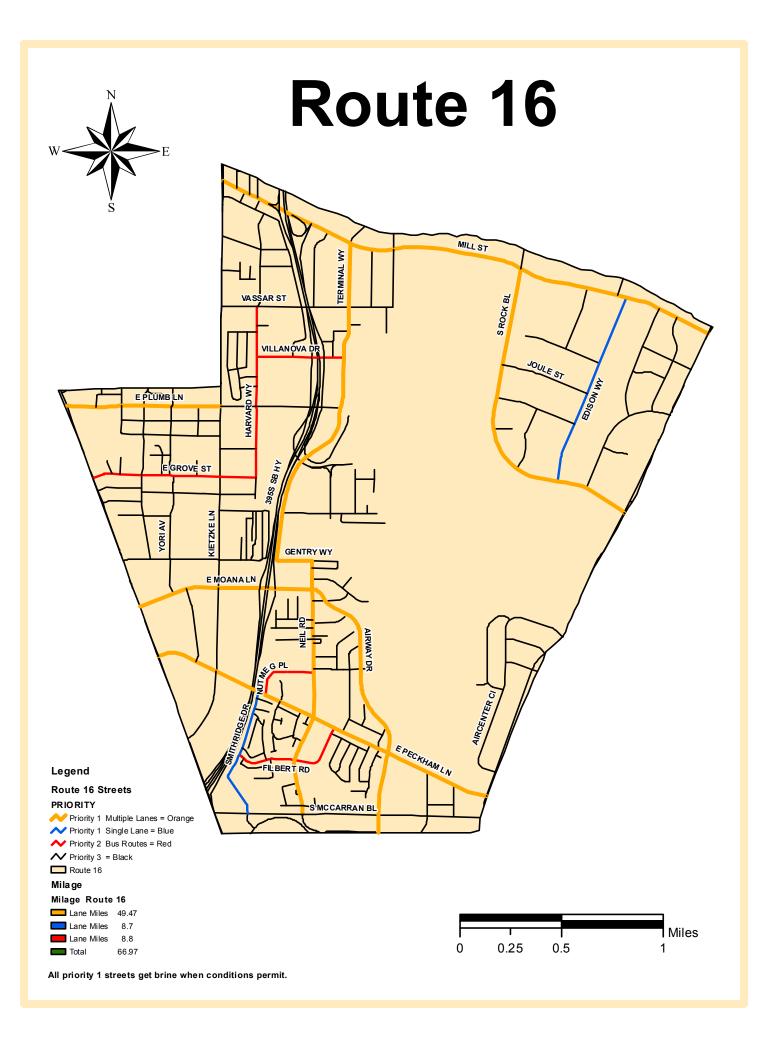


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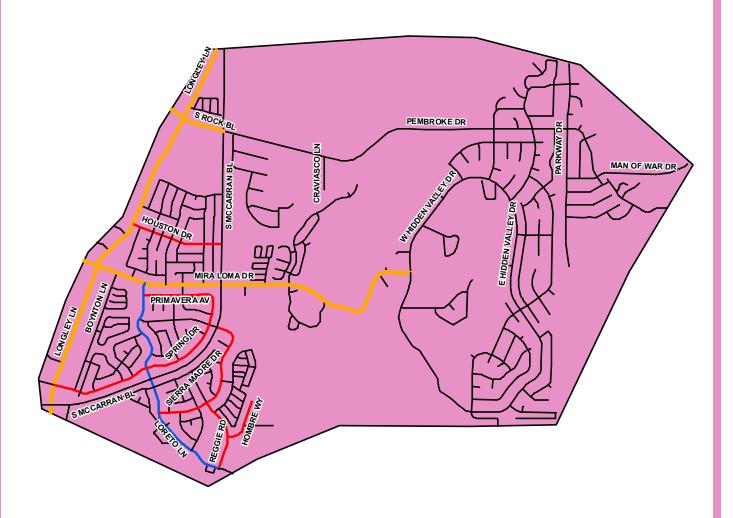
PRIORITY

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Total







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Route 17 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

✓ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

► Priority 3 = Black

Route 17

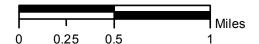
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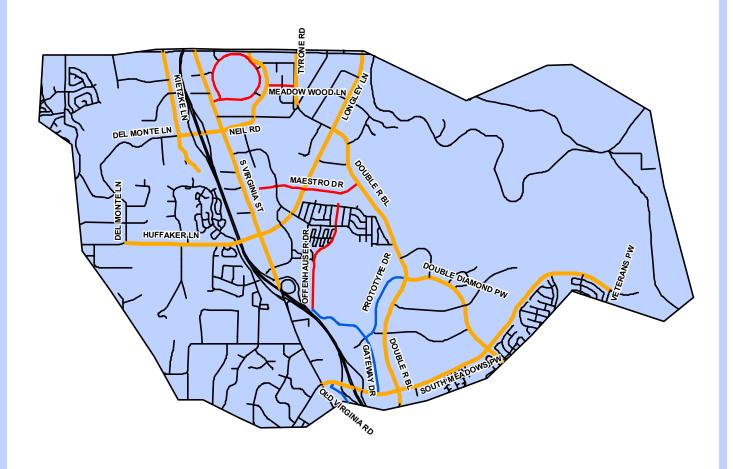
Lane Miles 22.00
Lane Miles 3.7

Lane Miles 7.0
Total 32.70









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Route 18 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

➤ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

✓ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

➤ Priority 3 = Black

Route 18

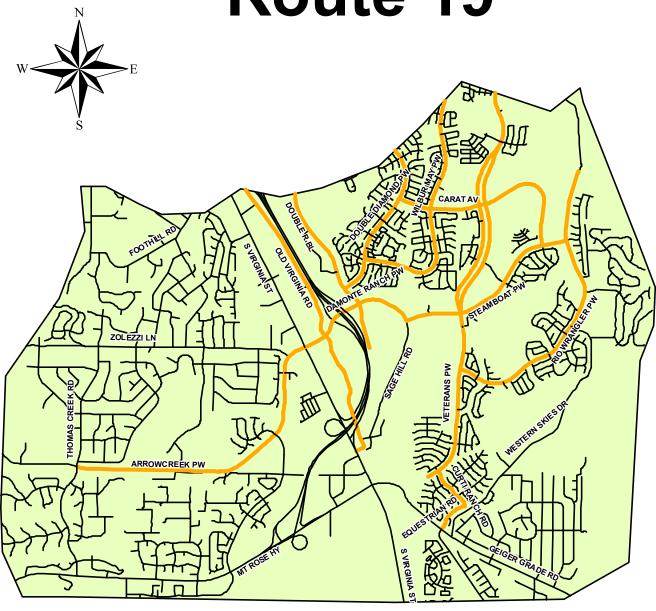
Milage

Milage Route 18

Lane Miles 48.21
Lane Miles 3.86
Lane Miles 8.71

Total 60.78





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Route 19 Streets

PRIORITY

Priority 1 Multiple Lanes = Orange

➤ Priority 1 Single Lane = Blue

➤ Priority 2 Bus Routes = Red

➤ Priority 3 = Black

Route 19

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Milage Route 19

Lane Miles 84.28 Lane Miles 0.00 Lane Miles 0.00 Total

84.28



Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6
Priority 1 Multiple Lanes Copperfield Industry Lear Moya Mt Anderson Mt Vida Red Rock Silver Lake Stead	Priority 1 Multiple Lanes Lear Military Silver Lake Sky Vista Stead Virginia Vista Knoll	Priority 1 Multiple Lanes Dandini Moraine Parr Talus Virginia	Priority 1 Multiple Lanes Boomtown Garson	Priority 1 Multiple Lanes Del Webb Evening Rock Rainbridge Pkwy Sommersett Sommersett Ridge	Priority 1 Multiple Lanes 7th Avenida de Landa Beaumont Kings Row Las Brisas Mae Anne Robb Royal Sage Sharlands Sommersett Sunline
Priority 1 Single Lane Bagpipe Bravo Echo Mt Babcock Mt Limbo	Priority 1 Single Lane Silver Sky	Priority 1 Single Lane Hoge Spectrum	Priority 1 Single Lane	Priority 1 Single Lane	Ariel Brookdale Coit Glen Eagles Grand Summit Rainbow Ridge Roxbury Sierra Highlands Simons La Salle Heights
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Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2
Mariner Cove	Autum Kernite	Beckworth	n/a	Ashland Bluff	Ambassador
Peppermint		Lancaster		Bay Meadows	Backer Crosswater Heatherwood
Red Baron		Omaha		Cabin Creek Trail	Stone Valley
00000		Sagehen		Cricketwood Evergreen Ridge	Tappan Valley Wood
		Western		Hidden Park	Walnut Creek
		Yorkshire		Meridian Ranch	Villa Verde
		Opal Station		INI Pleasant Orchard Park Trail	
				Trail Creek	
				Chalkstone	

Route 7	Route 8	Route 9	Route 10	Route 11	Route 12	Route 13
Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple	Priority 1 Multiple
Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes
7th	Clearacre	2nd	4th	2nd	Anselmo	Aquila
Keystone	Sutro	4th	6th	4th	W. 4 th	Brighton
Kings Row	Virginia	6th	Arlington	5th		Cashill
Sierra	Wedekind	9th	California	Arlington		Caughlin
		Kirman	Keystone	California		Plumb
		Kuenzli	Liberty	Dickerson		Southampton
		Mill	Mill	Keystone		
		Oddie	Plumas	Mayberry		
		Plumb	Plumb	Plumb		
		Sutro	Sierra	Summit Ridge		
		Wells	Virginia			
			Wells			
Priority 1 Single	Priority 1 Single	Priortiy 1 Single	Priority 1 Single	Priority 1 Single	Priority 1 Single	Priority 1 Single
Lane	Lane	Lane	Lane	Lane	Lane	Lane
Putnam	Clear Valley	Locust	2nd	Hunter Lake	Aspen	Ash Fork
Ralston	Comstock	Montello	Center	Idlewild	Mountain Gate	Greensburg
Stoker	Crystal	Ryland	Holcomb	Riverside	River Flow	Markridge
Washington	Evans	Taylor	Kuenzli	Sky Mountain	River Front	Meridian
Wyoming	Maynard	Vassar	Lake	Sky Valley	White Fir	Susileen
	Northtowne			Stoker		Yuma
	Scottsdale					
	Socrates					
	Timber					
	Valley					
	Sienna Park					
	N University Park Lp					
Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2
12th	Cannan	Bresson	Monroe	Booth	Ambrose	Village Green
Coleman	Sadlier	Carville	Ralston	Foster	Edgewater	
Elmcrest	Selmi	Casazza	Vine	Keele	Riverhaven	
Everett	Silverada	Manhattan	Walker	Marsh		
lves	Winston	Yori	Washington	Mt Rose		
Stoker	Golfview		St. Lawrence	Sharon		
Wyoming						

Route 14	Route 15	Route 16	Route 17	Route 18	Route 19
Priority 1 Multiple					
Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes	Lanes
Cashill	Lakeside	Airway	Longley	Double R	Arrowcreek
Manzanita	Manzanita	Mill	Mira Loma	Double Diamond	Carat
Marthiam	Moana	Moana		Huffaker	Curti Ranch
Moana	Plumas	Neil		Kiekze	Damonte Ranch
Plumas	Plumb	Peckham		Longley	Double R
Plumb	Virginia	Plumb		Moana	Equestrian
Range View		Rock		Neil	Steamboat
Ridgeview		Terminal		South Meadows	Veterans
Skyline				Virginia	Wilbur May
Priority 1 Single					
Lane		Lane	Lane	Lane	Lane
Evans Creek	Baker	Edison	Rio Pocco	Delucchi	Old Virginia
Pioneer	Peckham	Smithridge		Gateway	
	Redfield	Vassar		Home Gardens	
				Prototype	
Priority 2					
Dant	Berrum	Colony	Hombre	Meadowwood Mall	n/a
Urban	Brinkby	Filbert	Houston	Maestro	
	Lynberry	Grove	Primavera	Offenhauser	
	Ridgeview	Harvard	Reggie		
	Wheatland	Nutmeg	Sierra Madre		
		Reservation	Spring		
		Villanova			

